

Justice & Diversity Center Announces Recipients of Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarships

August 2, 2017 – San Francisco --The Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of The Bar Association of San Francisco recently announced the recipients of its 2017 Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of donors, four scholarships will be awarded to minority students attending Bay Area law schools this fall.

Scholarship donors include: Stuart Plunkett, the Shanna Bradford Scholarship of the Arthur & Charlotte Zitrin Foundation, Dr. Ruth Shaber, and the Morrison & Foerster Foundation.

The 2017 scholarship recipients are Ramon Becerra-Alcantar, Ana Orozco Cortez, Lucy Garcia, and Anna Rodriguez. Ramon Becerra-Alcantar will attend UC Hastings College of the Law. He received his bachelor's degree in Sociology and Chicano Studies from UCLA and will use his law degree to fight for civil and immigrant rights as an immigration attorney. Ana Orozco Cortez will attend UC Davis School of Law. She graduated from California State University, Stanislaus with a degree in Political Science. She is passionate about the Central Valley and plans to use her law degree to advocate for socioeconomically disadvantaged people, especially farmworkers, youth, and women.

Lucy Garcia is a 2L at UC Hastings College of the Law. She graduated from UCLA with a degree in Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies. She wants to practice immigration law in public interest organizations.

Anna Rodriguez will attend UC Berkeley School of Law. She graduated from New College of Florida with a degree in Anthropology. She is passionate about improving the lives of women through policy and direct action and with a law degree, she will continue her work as a legal advocate.

Scholarships were awarded based on financial need, scholastics, involvement in public service and barriers faced in life. Each recipient will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year, which may be renewable for an additional one to two years.

Since its inception in 1998, the Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship program has awarded more than \$2million in support to 100 students. The program was established to reaffirm a commitment to diversity in legal education and the legal profession.

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volunteer legal services programs and other community efforts, BASF has worked actively to promote and achieve equal justice for all and oppose discrimination in all its forms, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on race, sex, disability, and sexual orientation. BASF provides a collective voice for public advocacy, advances professional growth and education, and attempts to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, and respect in the practice of law.